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**RESPONSE**

**Introductory Comments**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Actions mailed December 9, 2003 and September 9, 2003.

Substitute drawings for figure 1A, 1B and 1C labeled "Prior Art" are submitted herewith.

Claims 5 and 7-11 are pending in the application.

The rejection of claims 5 and 7-11 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 3,792,416 to Moulin in view of U.S. Patent 3,077,572 to Zimmerman is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration of the claims without amendment is requested.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 12 are cancelled.